

TERRITORY ARTS TRAIL

ALICE SPRINGS and surrounds



Image: Red Centre

Ikuntji Artists
230km west of Alice Springs in the West Macdonnell Ranges

7 Warlukurlangu Artists
300kms northwest of Alice Springs

9 Papunya Tjupi Artists
250kms northwest of Alice Springs

6 250kms northwest of Alice Springs

5 Arlpwe Arts
350kms North of Alice Springs

8 N'Dhala Gorge
90 kms east of Alice Springs, via Ross Highway

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Noted as the “red heart” or spiritual centre of Australia, Alice Springs is a nationally significant arts hub.

A vibrant centre for artists and artwork from the larger central desert region, it is home to some of the most important names in Aboriginal art with artists regularly exhibiting their work nationally and internationally.

A range of art galleries dotted along the Todd Mall in the CBD showcase the diversity and strength of arts and crafts in the region.

The Araluen Cultural Precinct is the hub of visual arts for the region, and hosts collections from local and Australian artists. It is also the home of arts events such as the quirky Alice Springs Beanie Festival, showcasing thousands of handmade beanies, each one a work of art; and Desert Mob, a much anticipated annual event which is a statement of Aboriginal Art from remote art centres in Central Australia.

Alice Springs Desert Park is home of Parrtjima, an incredible festival of light.

Art lovers can immerse themselves in the Red Centre's strong Aboriginal culture and landscape.

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Araluen Arts Centre

Araluen Arts Centre is the visual art and performance hub of Central Australia, presenting an annual program of exhibitions, performances and film. Known as the keeping place of stories, Araluen holds within its spaces some of the most significant works of Aboriginal art in Australia and brings to the stage world class performances from around the nation. Located in the Araluen Cultural Precinct, the Araluen Arts Centre is also the location of the Beanie Festival and Desert Mob events.

📄 araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au
☎ 08 8951 1120
📍 61 Larapinta Dr, Araluen NT 0870

2. Tangentyere Artists

Tangentyere Artists is an Aboriginal owned art centre that supports around 400 artists that live in town camps in Alice Springs. Tangentyere's artworks often feature people undertaking day to day activities - telling stories of both traditional and contemporary life such as kangaroo tail cooking, children playing, families telling stories, playing cards and fixing cars. Tangentyere Artists have a beautiful gallery open to the public and hold regular exhibitions.

📄 tangentyereartists.org.au
☎ 08 8951 4232
📍 16 Fogarty St, Alice Springs, NT, 0870



Desert Mob exhibition, Araluen Arts Centre



N'Dhala Gorge

3. Ittja Ntjarra

Ittja Ntjarra art centre is home to the Namatjira watercolour artists who continue to paint in the tradition of their grandfather and relative, Albert Namatjira, one of Australia's most famous artists of the 20th century. By continuing his legacy, these artists sustain an important piece of living history, offers the opportunity to view the art, meet the artists, hear them talk about their paintings, and watch them work.

manyhandsart.com.au
08 7979 3452
29 Wilkinson Street, Alice Springs, NT, 0870

4. Tjanpi Desert Weavers

Tjanpi Desert Weavers is a social enterprise of the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yakunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council that enables women living in the remote Central and Western desert regions to earn an income from fibre art. Engaging over 400 artists from 26 desert communities, their public gallery showcases baskets, sculptures, jewellery, merchandise, books and more.

tjanpi.com.au
08 8958 2377
3 Wilkinson Street, Alice Springs, NT 0870

EVENTS

Desert Mob

6 September - 20 October 2019
araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au/more/desert-mob

Beanie Festival

28 June - 1 July 2019
beaniefest.org

Parrtjima

5 April - 14 April 2019
parrtjimaaustralia.com.au

GOT MORE TIME?

5. Arlpwe Arts

This Aboriginal owned cultural centre supports work of local artists, including paintings, pottery and artefacts, in an effort to provide a method of telling traditional stories through the artwork, and in particular, keeping the culture of the region alive for future generations. Arlpwe Art Gallery offers a cultural experience for all participants to take pleasure in and which brings you closer to the world's oldest culture.

australianaboriginalartgallery.com.au
08 8964 1640
89 Kinjurra Drive, Ali Curung, NT 0872

6. Ikuntji Artists

Ikuntji Artists was the first Indigenous art centre established for women of the Western Desert art movement. It was started at Haasts Bluff by the Luritja women as their own enterprise to earn money and continues to be a place for women and men to learn and share their culture through art. Contact prior to visiting.

ikuntji.com.au
08 8956 8783
Lot 53, Haasts Bluff, NT, 0872

7. Warlukurlangu Artists

One of the longest running and most successful Aboriginal-owned art centres in Australia - it plays a major role in maintaining the vibrant cultural life of Yuendumu and surrounding communities. An important Aboriginal Men's Museum is also situated within the community. Please check road conditions, required permits and opening hours prior to visiting.

warlu.com
08 8956 4133
Ral Ral Avenue, Yuendumu, NT, 0872

8. N'Dhala Gorge

Take a stroll along the 1.5km walking track into the gorge, using the interpretive signs to guide you past thousands of rock carvings (petroglyphs).

nt.gov.au/leisure/parks-reserves/find-a-park-to-visit/ndhala-gorge-nature-park
08 8951 8250
90 kms east of Alice Springs, via Ross Highway, Alice Springs, NT, 0870
4WD required

9. Papunya Tjupi Artists

Located in Papunya, the birthplace of the Western Desert dot-painting movement, this 100% Aboriginal owned art centre and gallery supports some of Australia's leading contemporary painters and emerging artists. This new generation of artists has established their own unique identity based on the legacy of their forefathers. Please contact prior to visiting.

tjupiarts.com.au
08 8964 7141
250 kms North West of Alice Springs
Corner of Abbott Rd and Possum Cres,
Papunya, NT, 0872

10. Alice Springs Desert Park

Located at the base of the spectacular West MacDonnell Ranges and just 10 minutes drive from Alice Springs, the Desert Park is closely connected to the local Arrernte people and embraces parts of the Akngwelye and Yeperenye Altyerre (Wild Dog and Caterpillar) dreaming stories. Share in one of the world's oldest living cultures as Aboriginal guides tell the stories of how the desert comes alive. Learn how Aboriginal people use the plants and animals of this habitat as a rich supply of food and medicine in daily presentations.

alicespringsdesertpark.com.au
08 8951 8788
871 Larapinta Dr, Alice Springs NT 0871

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